



# GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

*Leader note: This Message Guide is intended to help you facilitate discussion with your Grace Group. You can use the guide exactly as it is, ignore some of it, or add to it. We hope you view this guide as a flexible teaching tool, and not a rigid teaching task.*

## **WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6TH**

Please review the group leader announcements on the group resources page ([www.gracefellowship.cc/groupresources](http://www.gracefellowship.cc/groupresources)).

### **UPPER ARLINGTON, JEFFERSON AND CHAPEL CAMPUSES ONLY**

#### **ICEBREAKER QUESTION**

What's the wildest experience you've had with Trick or Treat night?

#### **WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO BY PASTOR DAN CASE**

#### **BUTTON PUSHERS - YOU (Scripture: Matthew 5:23-24, Colossians 3:12-14)**

1. How did your parents settle disputes between you and your siblings (if you have them)?
2. What does the popular phrase "don't sweat the small stuff" mean to you?
3. Is there a Godly relationship in your life that you would like to learn from?
4. Read Matthew 5:23-24. Why do you think Jesus lifts up the relationship with others over giving of an offering to God? (*Disciples of Jesus must attempt at their earliest opportunity to reconcile with a brother or sister who has something against them, even if doing so interrupts important business*)
5. It was said that our disharmony with others ruins our harmony with Jesus. Describe how that can be true for you.
6. Read Colossians 3:12-14. Describe what Paul must mean by the term "put on." (*taking on the character of the Lord himself, or becoming more like Jesus over time as we surrender more of ourselves to him.*)
7. How are you at living into all of the characteristics described in vs 12?
8. If we put on those things including love, what should be true?
9. Why do you think it is that we don't hold ourselves to the standard we hold others too?
10. How can we point people to Jesus through our relationships and unity with others?

#### **ACTION STEP**

The action step out of the weekend message was to go reconcile a relationship that you've messed up in the past.

**ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES (related to unity/relationships with others)**

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Ephesians 4:29

James 5:16

1 Thessalonians 5:11

1 Peter 4:8

Galatians 3:28

Romans 12:9-10

John 13:34

Leviticus 19:18

**SHEPHERDING / CARE / PRAYER**

If time allows, read this really good article on group leaders as shepherds:

<http://chrissurratt.com/small-groups/small-group-leaders-are-shepherds/>